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SUBJECT: RWANDA: HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE EFFORTS IN THE FRENCH  
ZONE

1. IN RESPONSE TO CONCERNS ABOUT THE ADEQUACY OF RELIEF  
EFFORTS INSIDE THE NEW FRENCH SAFE HAVEN ZONE, THE  
MISSION IN GENEVA WAS ABLE TO GARNER THE FOLLOWING  
PRELIMINARY INFORMATION WHICH IS BEING REPEATED FOR  
ADDRESSEES' INFO.

2. UNHCR'S DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER WALZER HAS ADVISED

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THAT U.N. UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS HANSEN CHAIRED A MEETING OF THE INTERAGENCY STEERING COMMITTEE (IASC) ON 6/29 IN NEW YORK TO DISCUSS DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES AMONG AGENCIES IN ADDRESSING NEEDS OF IDPS IN RWANDA. A FRENCH GOVERNMENT REP ATTENDED THE MEETING TO DISCUSS FRENCH CONCERNS AND NEEDS IN FRENCH ZONES.

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UNHCR TOLD AGENCIES THAT UNHCR IS PREPARED FOR NEW OUTFLOWS OF REFS INTO BURUNDI AND ZAIRE WITH STOCKPILES.. HOWEVER, UNHCR RECOGNIZES THAT CAPACITY ON THE GROUND IS WEAK AND HAS SAID THAT IF NEW OUTFLOWS DO NOT OCCUR AND HCR HAS SUPPLIES OVER AND ABOVE THE NEEDS OF REFS, UNHCR WOULD CONSIDER USING THOSE SUPPLIES INSIDE RWANDA IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO STEMMING FURTHER FLOWS OF REFS.

IN THE IASC MEETING, WALZER ALSO SUGGESTED THAT DHA LEAD AN INTER-AGENCY ASSESSMENT MISSION TO THE POSSIBLE RETURNEE AREAS FOR TUTSIS; UNHCR WOULD PARTICIPATE IN

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MISSION.

APPARENTLY, THE FRENCH HAVE ALSO APPROACHED UNHCR DIRECTLY; UNHCR HAS SAID THAT DHA IS THE POINT OF CONTACT INSIDE RWANDA. UNICEF IS A POTENTIAL CANDIDATE TO TAKE THE "LEAD" RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED IN RWANDA. ACTION ON THIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN NEW YORK WITH DHA (AND UNICEF).

3. ICRC'S DANIEL AUGSTBURGER SAID THAT ICRC IS LOOKING TOWARD DRAWING DOWN SOME OF ITS CAPABILITY ON THE RPF SIDE TO INCREASE CAPABILITY IN THE GOVERNMENT ZONES; AUGSTBURGER SAID WITH FEWER ORGANIZATIONS IN GOVERNMENT ZONES, ITS ASSISTANCE IS MORE IMPORTANT THERE. ICRC IS CONSTRAINED BY LACK OF FOOD SUPPLIES TO INCREASE DELIVERIES.

ICRC JUST COMPLETED AN ASSESSMENT IN THE GITARAMA AREA; 500,000 IDPS ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE THERE; ICRC WILL ATTEMPT TO ASSIST.

ICRC SAID IT HAS REACHED OR WILL REACH DISPLACED IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS:

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--NEAR GOMA (ACROSS THE BORDER): 200,000; ICRC HAS  
POSITIONED 3-4 TRUCKS TO TRANSPORT FOOD OUT OF GOMA;  
1,500 METRIC TONS OF FOOD ARE AVAILABLE. (NOTE: THIS  
WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO FEED 100,000 FOR ONE MONTH, OR THE  
CASELOAD FOR TWO WEEKS. END NOTE)

--KABAYA: 150,000

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--CYANGUGU: ICRC WILL REACH 110,000 WITHIN ONE WEEK;  
ICRC HAS 5-6 TRUCKS DELIVERING FOOD FROM CYANGUGU; FIRST  
CONVOY THROUGH YESTERDAY -- HOPE SOON TO DELIVER FOOD FOR  
300,000 UNTIL WFP CAN JUMP IN AND ASSIST.

ICRC MET WITH WFP JULY 6 IN ROME TO DISCUSS COOPERATION  
AND EVENTUAL HANDOFF OF ICRC CASELOAD TO WFP; AUGSTBURGER  
PREDICTED THAT WFP WOULD NOT BE READY FOR AT LEAST FOUR  
WEEKS. WFP DOES NOT YET HAVE THE LOGISTICAL CAPACITY  
ALONG LAKE KIVU TO ASSIST IDPS.  
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